GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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DTH SERVICES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant licence to more Direct to Home (DTH) service providers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing private DTH operators are providing service in the rural area of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which private DTH services will be made available throughout the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) : DTH services on all India basis are governed by "DTH guidelines" issued on 15.3.2001 with the approval of Cabinet. The guidelines are available at the Ministry's website www.mib.nic.in. This Ministry has granted licenses to six companies namely, M/s. Dish TV India Ltd., M/s Tata Sky Ltd., M/s. Sun Direct TV Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Reliance BIG TV Ltd., M/s. Bharti Telemedia Ltd., and M/s Bharat Business Channel Ltd. to provide Direct-to-Home (DTH) services in the country on all India basis. In addition Doordarshan is also providing free to air DTH service in India. No application seeking license for DTH Operation is pending in the Ministry.